## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

To His Excellency LLOYD LOWNDES,

Governor of the State of Maryland and President of the Geological Survey Commission.

Sir:—I have the honor to present herewith the first volume of the reports of the State Geological Survey. It embraces a preliminary account of the physiography, geology and mineral resources. I trust it may give to the people both within and without the state more complete knowledge of its natural wealth than has been hitherto attainable. I am,

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM BULLOCK CLARK, State Geologist.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, July, 1897.